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01020	01/25/80	JEFF HARTHUN	ROBERT JOHNSON	LETTER REGARDING POTENTIAL POLLUTION PROBLEMS NEAR PIG'S EYE	A LETTER WHICH SERVES TO UPDATE THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF ISSUES DISCUSSED IN A RECENT MEETING REGARDING POTENTIAL SOURCES OF POLLUTION AT PIG'S EYE LAKE - RED ROCK AREA. THE LETTER STATES THE MEETING DISCUSSED THREE POTENTIAL SOURCES OF POLLUTION: NSSTEC, MWCC AND PILLSB. NSSTEC HAD BEEN DEPOSITING METAL SLAG MATERIAL ON RED ROCK ROAD; MWCC OPERATES AN ASH STORAGE BASIN; AND PILLSB HAS CONDUCTED QUESTIONABLE LOADING AND STORAGE OF FERTILIZERS AND SALTS.	NSSTEC, MWCC, PILLSB

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District 1 Community Council  
Physical Committee  
c/o Robert Johnson, Chairman  
1989 North Park Drive  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55119

RE: Potential Pollution Problems Near Pigs Eye Lake and the Red Rock Area

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter shall serve to update your committee on the status of the issues discussed during our recent meeting of January 16, 1980, regarding potential sources of pollution which may exist in the Pigs Eye Lake - Red Rock area.

During our meeting the three (3) potential sources of pollution about which there seemed to be some concern were:

1. North Star Steel Company
2. Metropolitan Waste Control Commission
3. The Pillsbury Company River Terminal

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is currently attempting to deal with both existing and potential problems which are resulting or may result from the activities of the above mentioned groups. The following is a brief summary of the current status of each.

The North Star Steel Company has for many years, been depositing metal slag material which is mainly iron, magnesium and calcium oxides into the surface water area along Red Rock Road. While it has been determined that this material is relatively inert, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is still requiring that much of this material be pulled back from the surface water area. The specific requirement is that the metal slag material be pulled back from the water such that a distance of 475 feet is maintained between the edge of the stockpile and the centerline of Red Rock Road. This pull-back process is to be accomplished by no later than September 30, 1980. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is further requiring that North Star Steel apply for and obtain a permit for future storage of metal slag at this facility. Proper storage controls may then be enforced under various conditions of the permit.

The Metropolitan Waste Control Commission currently operates an ash storage basin and a grit disposal area on the northern end of Pigs Eye Lake. At this time MWCC is in the process of applying for a permit to excavate the ash from the diked basin as well as the grit from the adjacent area and most likely will propose to spread this material on the surface of the old Pigs Eye dump, a portion of which has not been terminated in accordance with Agency requirements. In the process of excavating these materials, other solid wastes which have been buried with the grit or ash are to be removed to a permitted sanitary landfill. Monitoring wells are already present around the area of the old Pigs Eye dump since this area has been used for ash disposal by MWCC in the past.

It was indicated by individuals at the meeting that the Pillsbury Company's River Terminal operation has in the past conducted some questionable loading and storage practices involving various fertilizers and salts. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency enforces a general policy which requires that salts be stored on a reasonably impermeable surface and that a berm or dike be present if necessary to minimize runoff to nearby surface water bodies. The asphalt parking lot area at Pillsbury would seem to qualify as a somewhat impermeable surface, however, Pillsbury may have to construct a more effective berm near the lake bank area if future storage of fertilizers and salts is to occur at this location. Regarding the barge loading and unloading practices and subsequent spillage of fertilizers and salts which may be occurring, this Agency will attempt to obtain further information regarding these practices in the hope of correcting existing spillage problems. The matter of coal storage and stockpiling and subsequent runoff problems which may be occurring at Pillsbury has been referred to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Division of Water Quality. They will be conducting an inspection of the site for the purpose of determining what runoff problems may exist and what corrective actions may be required.

Any additional information which your organization can provide to this Agency regarding the matters discussed above, will be appreciated. Every attempt will be made to keep you informed of the changing status of these situations.

Thank you for inviting me to your Physical Committee meeting. Please feel free to contact me or anyone else in this Agency with matters which you feel require our attention.

Sincerely,

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Enforcement Section  
Division of Solid Waste

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cc: Enrique Gentzsch, Ramsey County  
: Pat Mader, Division of Water Quality, MPCA

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